

TA372 Approving Time and Absences

Approving Time and Absences Overview

To approve time and absences in Cardinal, the following conditions must be met:

- The approver must be a Commonwealth employee
- The approver must have access to Cardinal as a core user
- The Cardinal user must be the Cardinal position direct report (Reports To) supervisor of the employee or have appropriate delegation meaning that the approver is a proxy for the Reports To Supervisor
- The approver must be assigned the security roles that allow for time and absence approval: Time
 & Labor Supervisor and Absence Supervisor

All approvals, time and absences, follow the same steps and are done using the **Approvals** tile in Cardinal HCM. There are two categories of time:

- **Reported Time** Time entered on the **Timesheet** or interfaced to Cardinal through the Time Entry Upload (e.g., regular, overtime, comp time earned, comp time taken)
- Payable Time The result of Time Administration process and execution of Time and Labor Rules against Reported Time

Note: Some time is set up for approval at the Reported Time level and requires approval before it is processed. Some time is set up for approval at the Payable Time level and requires approval after it is processed.

The table below shows the type of time that needs approval based on agency configuration.

| Agency Configuration | Categories of Time that Require Approval |
|---|---|
| Online using Cardinal AM | Reported Time approval for absences Payable time approval for the time |
| Online using external leave | Payable Time approval only |
| Interfacing time using Cardinal AM | Reported Time only if they enter/update online (both time and absences) |
| Interfacing using external leave system | Reported Time only if they enter/update online (time only) |

Negative Hours (Offset)

There may be times you see negative hours on your approval list. These hours are offsets, which occur when a change is made to time that was previously approved. Once time has been approved, that time is written permanently to payable time. Therefore, when a change is made to the previously approved time, a negative offset is created to reverse the original entry. If this negative offset is not approved, the hours for the employee will be incorrect.

Note: Always approve the offset to reverse the original entry.

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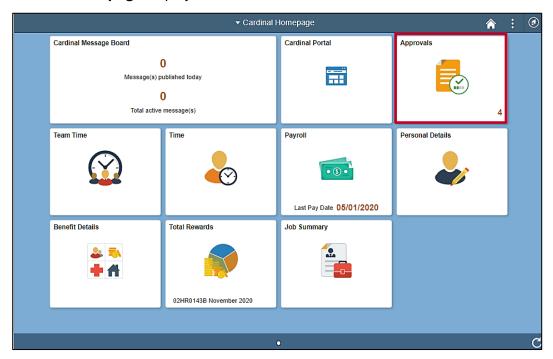
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Approvals in Cardinal for Reported or Payable time are done using the **Approvals** tile.

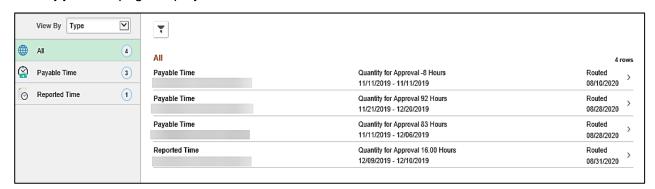
Log into Cardinal HCM.

The Cardinal Homepage displays.



2. Click the **Approvals** tile. The **Approvals** tile is on the **Cardinal Homepage** and indicates the number of items awaiting approval (both time and absences).

The **Approvals** page displays.



The left navigation menu displays the following:

- All The total of all items (both reported and payable) that require approval
- Payable Time The total number of payable time items that require approval
- Reported Time The total number of reported time items that require approval

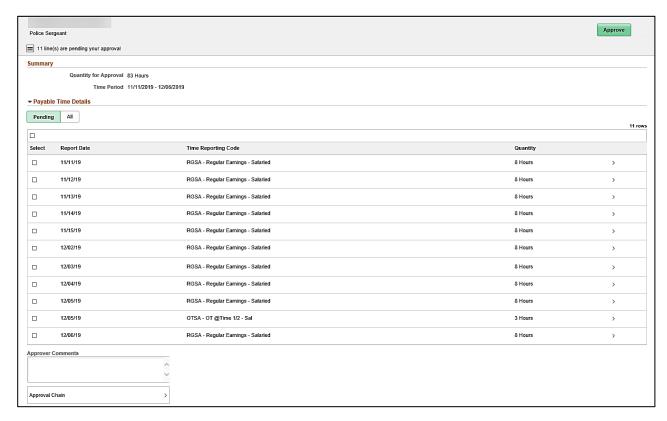
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3. Click the applicable line item to review the pending approval.

The **Payable Time** or **Reported Time** page displays for the applicable item.



The **Summary** section at the top of the page includes:

- Quantity for Approval Total hours for approval
- Time Period The pay period of the time that requires approval

The **Payable Time Details** section includes two tabs:

- Pending Displays all time pending approval
- All Displays all time (both pending and time that has been approved for the applicable pay period)

Note: This section defaults with the **Pending** tab displayed.

Within the **Payable Time Details** section, the displayed time is broken out into lines that correspond with the lines on the **Timesheet** page (day and type). The overview information provided for review is:

- Report Date Date the time entered
- Time Reporting Code The TRC associated to the date and hours in the row
- Quantity Number of hours

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While this section displays the key information needed to review and approve time, you can access additional details information and the employee's Timesheet as needed by completing the following steps.

4. Click the applicable line item.

The **Approval Line Detail** page displays for the applicable line item.



The **Approval Line Detail** page displays the **Report Date**, **Time Reporting Code**, and **Quantity** from the previous page as well as the following additional fields:

- Estimated Gross: The estimated gross pay associated with the number of hours and TRC
- Offset: This field indicates if the time is an offset. A negative number of hours for Quantity
 indicates that there is an offset, meaning there was a change made to time previously
 approved
 - No: No offset
 - Yes: Offset and the Quantity number will be negative

Offset example:



Note: All Offsets (negative hours) should be approved so that the employee's hours are accurate.

The Adjust Reported Time link can be used to access the corresponding Timesheet if you need to:

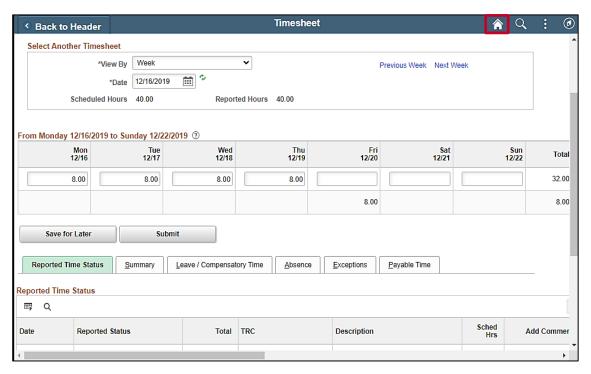
- Make any adjustments to the employee's time
- View additional time details such as the ChartField distribution
- 5. Click the **Adjust Reported Time** link.

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The **Timesheet** page displays.



Note: The Timesheet defaults to the current week and not necessarily the week with the time pending approval. You may need to change the **View By** selections and refresh as needed.

6. Review any specific data you need to see on the **Timesheet** or make any necessary adjustments.

Note: If you make an adjustment on the **Timesheet** grid, be sure to click the **Submit** button. Changes to time will not be available immediately for approval. The changes must be processed by Time Administration to route for approval. Check periodically to approve any changes made. Absences are available for immediate approval once they have been submitted.

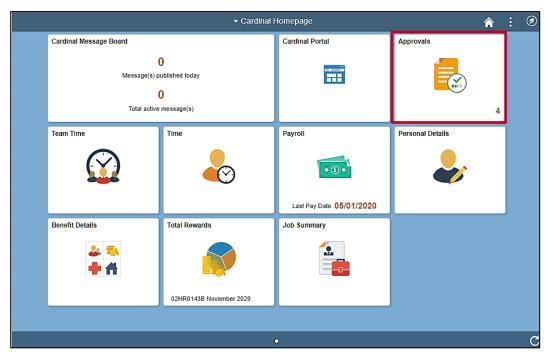
7. Click the **Home** icon to return to the **Cardinal Homepage**, after reviewing information or making adjustments.

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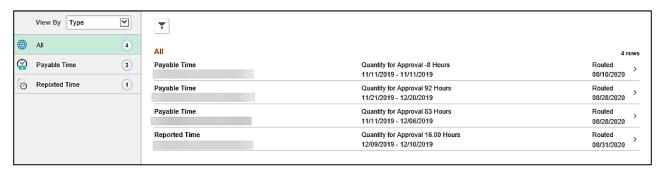
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The Cardinal Homepage displays.



8. Click the **Approvals** Tile.

The Approvals page displays.



9. Click the applicable line item to approve.

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The **Payable Time** or **Reported Time** page displays for the applicable item.



Select lines that are ready to be approved.

The bottom of the page contains the following fields:

 The Approver Comments field allows you to enter comments, if applicable, regarding your approval

Note: These comments will not be available on any reports.

- The Approval Chain link will open a pop-up window that displays with the approver's name for each line on the page
- 11. Click the **Approve** button.

The **Approve** page displays in a pop-up window.



12. Enter comments as needed in the Approver Comments field.

Note: These comments are not visible on any reports.

13. Click the Submit button.

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- If all hours were selected for approval, the **Approvals** page displays.
- If all hours were not selected for approval, the **Payable Time** or **Reported Time** page displays with any lines that were not selected.

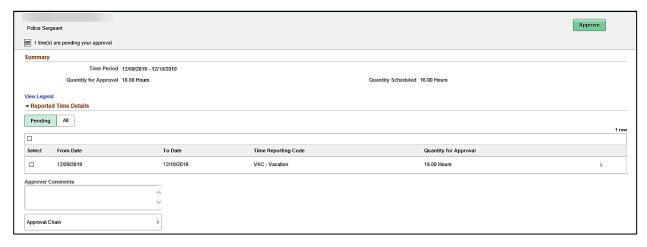
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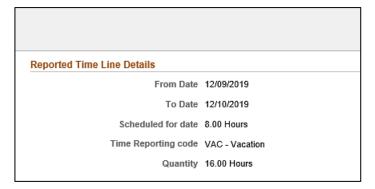
Reported Time Example – Vacation

This is an example of how the **Reported Time** page and the **Reported Time Line Details** page display when you are reviewing and approving absences.

Reported Time page:



Reported Time Line Details page:



Note: The following differences display on the Reported Time Line Details page for absences:

- The Offset field does not display; absences do not create offsets that require approval
- There is no **Adjust Reported Time** link to access the **Timesheet** page. If you need to make an adjustment to an absence, navigate to the employee's **Timesheet**, make the adjustment, and then return to the **Approvals** tile to approve

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Interfacing Agency Approvals in Cardinal

When an interfacing agency enters time on the Timesheet for an employee set up for interfacing time (vs. through the upload) the time is set up to be approved as Reported Time and will route immediately for approval. The employee Reports To supervisor will need to review and approve the time in Cardinal.

1. Log into Cardinal HCM.



2. Click the Approvals Tile.

Note: The number that displays on the Tile is the number of items that require approval.

The **Pending Approvals** page displays.



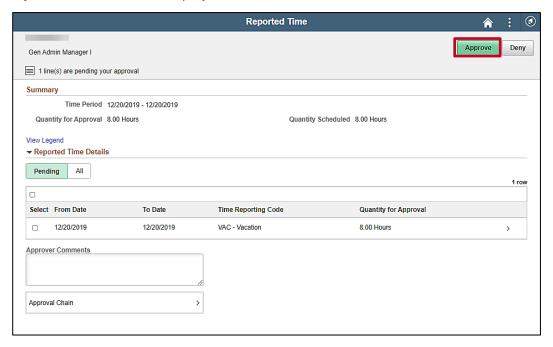
3. Click the line(s) that require approval.

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The **Reported Time Details** display.



- 4. Click the **Select** checkbox to select time for approval. If there are multiple lines pending for approval there will also be a **Select All** checkbox.
- 5. Click the **Approve** button.

The **Approve** pop-up window displays.



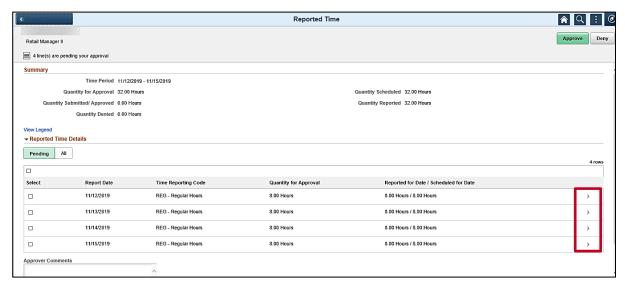
6. Click the **Submit** button.

The time is approved.

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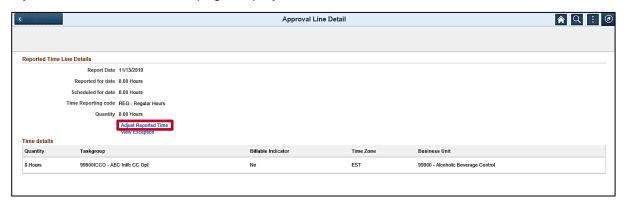
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Interfacing Agency - Viewing More Details about Reported Time



Click the arrow on a specific line to view more details.

The Reported Time Line Details page displays.



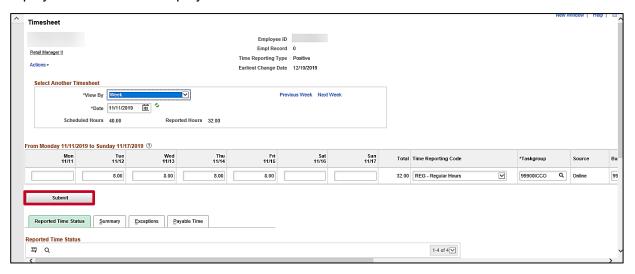
2. Click the Adjust Reported Time link, to make adjustments.

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The employee's **Timesheet** displays.



3. Make any necessary changes.

Note: If you are not an agency TL Administrator, you cannot enter/edit the time for an interface employee.

4. Click the **Submit** button.

Note: The time will route immediately for approval.

5. Repeat steps 4-6 in the **Interfacing Agency Approvals in Cardinal** section of this Job Aid to approve the selected time.

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Reported Time and Payable Time Statuses:

| Reported Time Statuses | | |
|------------------------|------|--|
| Status | Code | Description |
| *Saved | sv | Time that has been entered, but not submitted for processing |
| *Submitted | SB | Time that has been reported and submitted for processing |
| **Needs Approval | NA | Time that has been processed by Time Administration and sent to the designated Reports To for review and approval |
| **Approved | AP | Time that has been reviewed and approved by the Reports To and ready to be picked up by the Time and Labor load process for payroll processing |

^{*}Online agencies will only see **Saved** or **Submitted** for time entered on the Timesheet grid.

Note: Interface agencies will generally only see Approved when time is interfaced.

| Payable Time Statuses | | |
|-----------------------|------|--|
| Status | Code | Description |
| Needs Approval | NA | Waiting for approver to approve |
| Approved | AP | Approved by approver |
| Estimated | ES | Does require payable time approval per workgroup or TRC. Interfacing Workgroups (All data), Partial Approval Workgroups (SCHX, UOSX) or Cardinal Leave generated holiday for all workgroups (HOL) |
| Overtime Hold | VH | Salaried Overtime to be sent to Payroll will be held until the FLSA Period End Date is more than 14 days in the past |
| Salary Hold | vs | Salary Base Pay detail will be processed during GL Distribution process |
| No Pay | NP | Detail does not need to be sent to Payroll for processing |
| Rejected by Payrool | RP | VRP-VDOT Salary Prior to Cardinal Payroll; Manual GL Adjustment required and Close via Adjust Paid Time NSP-Not sent to Payroll; Rejected by Load Time and Labor process CAN- Cancelled; Payroll has run the Pay Unsheet process |
| Reversed Check | RV | Generated due to Payroll Reverse Check Process |
| Sent to Payroll | SP | Load Time and Labor to Payroll is currently processing and loading data to Payroll |
| Taken by Payroll | TP | Detail is in Payroll for Processing |

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^{*}Agencies using Absence Management will see Needs Approval or Approved for absences.



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| Ignore | IG | Ignored by Payroll when Payroll disables the OK to Pay and is processed by GL Distribution |
|-------------|----|--|
| Distributed | PD | Paid and Allocated to General Ledger |
| Closed | CL | VNP – Pay Docking not sent to the GL VRP, VNA, VAP – VDOT Data not sent to GL Prior to Cardinal Payroll MRJ – Manual Reject; Rejected by Payroll and closed via the Adjust Paid Time page RAJ – Changed via Adjust Paid Time page NSP – Not sent to Payroll; Send to Payroll disabled on Maintain Time Reporter Data |
| Denied | DN | Denied by the approver; old VDIT status not relevant for Cardinal Payroll data |

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